GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF SEBS AND POWER GRID TRANSMISSION LINES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to privatize the power grid transmission lines and state electricity boards which are not working satisfactorily; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. There is no proposal to privatize existing transmission lines of POWERGRID. In order to augment the capability of POWERGRID to undertake investment in new transmission lines/inter-regional inter-connectors, it is proposed to use the legal framework for securing private sector investment in the construction of new transmission lines/inter-connections.

The decision to privatize transmission lines in the State sector has to be taken by the concerned State Government after consulting the State Transmission Utility responsible for transmission within the State.